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[Text] Asahi Television Network broadcast an interview with Libya's supreme Leader, Colonel al-Qadhdhafi, on 28 July. Referring to the recent talks held between Israeli Prime Minister Peres and Morocco's King Hassan II, Al-Qadhdhafi said in the interview: "No results were achieved. The talks have confirmed that liberation by armed force is the only way to settle Middle East problems." Moreover, he stated that he had no intention of attending an Arab summit even if it were held.

A summary of the interview with Col al-Qadhdhafi follows:

[Reporter] What do you think of the results of the talks held between King Hassan and Prime Minister Peres?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] There were no results. (Israel) wants to subordinate the Arab states. Moreover, (Israel) has occupied the Middle East and rejected the rights of Palestinians as well as the PLO, their sole legitimate representative. (In view of King Hassan's actions), I think Europe and the United States want the Arabs to surrender.

[Reporter] After the Hassan-Peres talks, what will Libya's position and strategy be concerning peace in the Middle East?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] The talks have confirmed that the only way to settle the Middle East problems is liberation by armed force. For the Palestinians, the only way to recover Palestine is war. The talks have brought to naught all the past efforts for peace.

[Reporter] Will you attend the Arab summit scheduled in Saudi Arabia?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] I will not attend, even if all the leaders attend.

[Reporter] What do you think of U.S. Vice President Bush's Middle East visit?

[Al-Qadhdhafi] I do not think much of it, and I have no interest. Bush has been touring the Middle East as a tool of Zionism. He ridicules history.

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[Hella Pick dispatch: "Howe Condemns South Africa for Intransigence"]

[Text] Pretoria — The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, has anticipated the failure of his diplomatic mission to southern Africa by warning the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Pik Botha, that his government's intransigence is threatening to plunge the country further into chaos.

Last night he told Mr Botha that Pretoria must brace itself for violence and economic warfare unless it breaks the current impasse by releasing Mr Nelson Mandela and making other major concessions to the anti-apartheid leadership.

The time for tinkering at the margins has ended, Sir Geoffrey believes. The Foreign Secretary, far from accepting blame for the stalemate which faces his mission, last night told Mr Botha that responsibility lies with Pretoria's lack of vision and its failure to make the leap of imagination that the crisis requires.

But the signs are that Pretoria is not interested in taking lessons in political courage from a government which is perceived to be fighting its own rearguard action with the Commonwealth over its South Africa policy.

There is still a possibility a decision to release Mr Mandela may be imminent. But there is no sign that Pretoria is ready to end the state of emergency or lift the ban on the ANC.

All the indications are that Sir Geoffrey's arguments are falling on deaf ears, even though Pretoria is aware that President Reagan's reaction against sanctions has misfired, and that the US Administration is reluctantly being dragged towards hard-hitting economic measures against South Africa. It is believed here that even Mrs Thatcher may no longer be able to stem the tide.

Downing Street yesterday categorically denied that Mrs Thatcher is planning to meet President P.W. Botha.

The Foreign Secretary is still pinning a little hope on his own meeting with the South African leader tomorrow, shortly before he is due to return to London.